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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan and Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne Abraham today announced the filing of an indictment¹ charging **CURTIS RUSSELL**, a/k/a “James Maxey,” a/k/a “Rashad Maxey,” a/k/a “Rashand Maxey,” a/k/a “Russell Curtis,” with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(1) and 924(e), on or about December 1, 2006, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Defendant RUSSELL faces a maximum sentence of life imprisonment, a mandatory minimum of 15 years imprisonment, 5 years of supervised release, a \$250,000 fine, and a \$100 special assessment.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
Curtis Russell a/k/a “James Maxey,” a/k/a “Rashad Maxey,” a/k/a “Rashand Maxey,” a/k/a “Russell Curtis”	Philadelphia, PA	31

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Philadelphia Police Department, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Anthony G. Kyriakakis.

This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, a federal initiative designed to identify and prosecute firearms offenders in federal court, where the defendants are likely to receive a substantial sentence upon conviction.

¹ An Indictment is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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